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WHY THE STARTLED FAWN LOOK, BEAST?

STILL NO SIGN OF THE MISSING MUTANTS?

ON THE CONTRARY, MISTER SUMMERS!

OUR MINI-CEREBRO INDICATES... WE'RE RIGHT ON TOP OF THEM!

BUT... THAT'S WONDERFUL NEWS!

IS IT, JEAN? WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING BACK, HANK?

THE WAY THAT BLIP APPEARED SO ABRUPTLY...

IT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT OUR FOES PLANNED IT THAT WAY...

... WANTED US TO FIND THEM...

... SO THAT THEY COULD DESTROY US!!

STAN LEE
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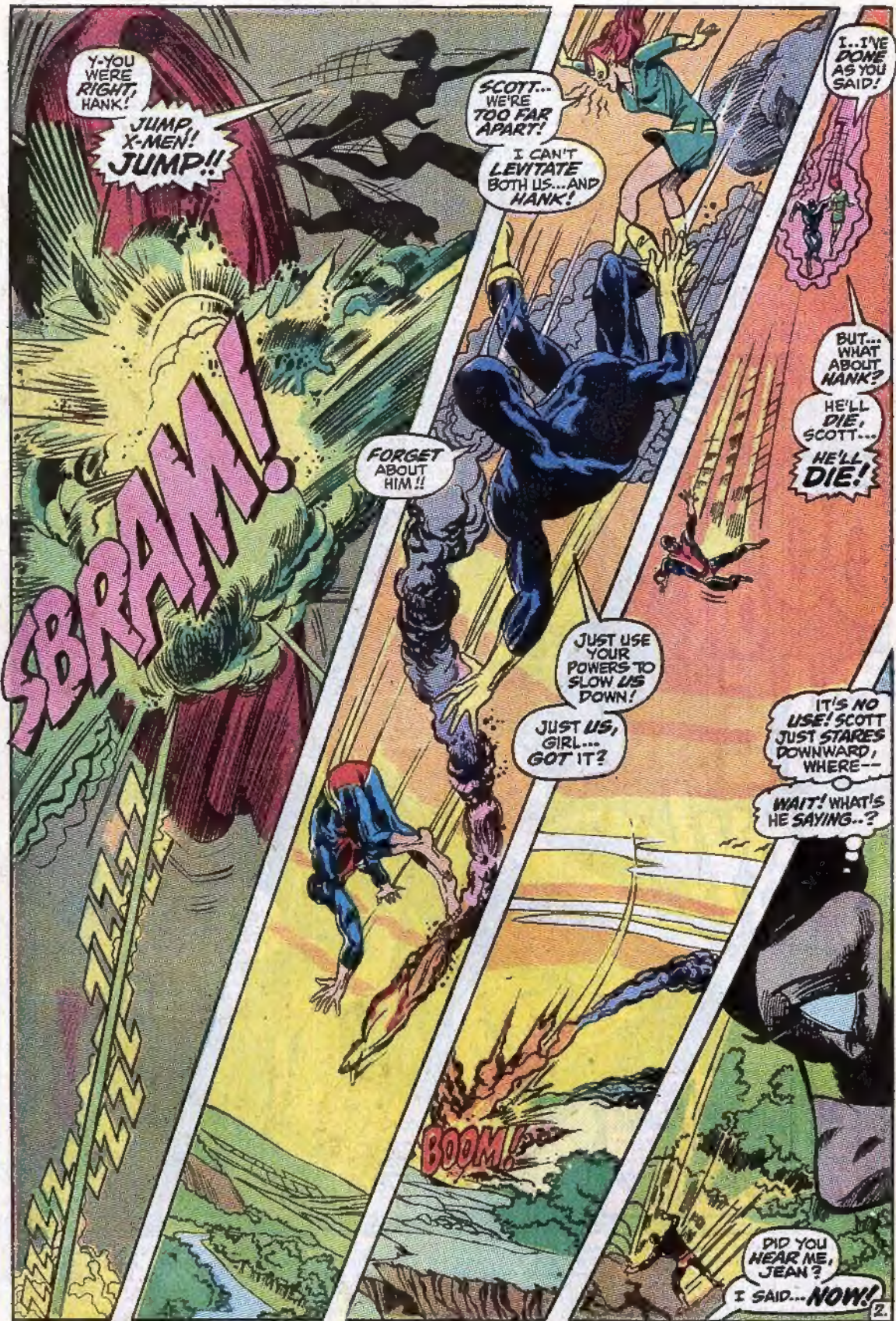
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Y-YOU
WERE
RIGHT,
HANK!

JUMP,
X-MEN!
JUMP!!

SCOTT...
WE'RE
TOO FAR
APART!

I CAN'T
LEVITATE
BOTH US...AND
HANK!

I...I'VE
DONE
AS YOU
SAID!

BUT...
WHAT
ABOUT
HANK?

HE'LL
DIE,
SCOTT...
HE'LL
DIE!

FORGET
ABOUT
HIM!!

JUST USE
YOUR
POWERS TO
SLOW US
DOWN!

JUST US,
GIRL...
GOT IT?

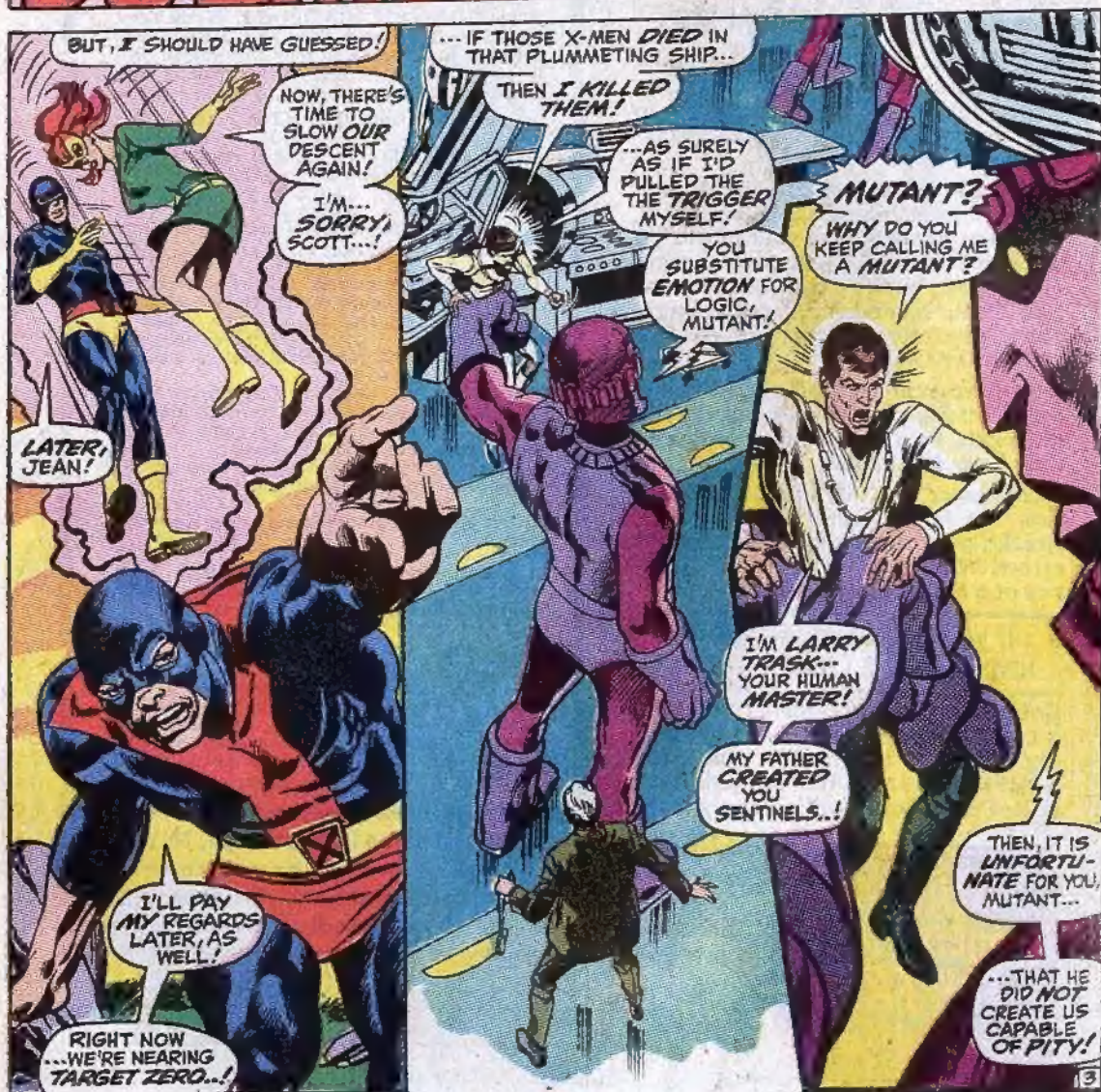
IT'S NO
USE! SCOTT
JUST STARES
DOWNWARD,
WHERE--

WAIT! WHAT'S
HE SAYING...?

BOOM!

DID YOU
HEAR ME,
JEAN?

I SAID... NOW!



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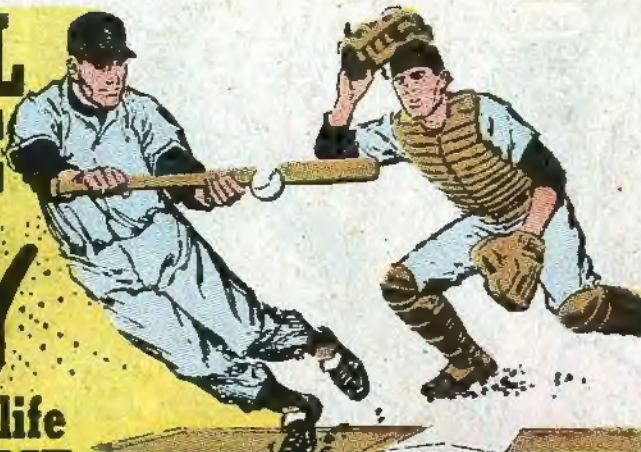
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—*C. H., Lanett, Ala.*

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—*P. M., Port Huron, Mich.*

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—*A. H., Chicago, Ill.*

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—*S. E., Rossville, Ind.*

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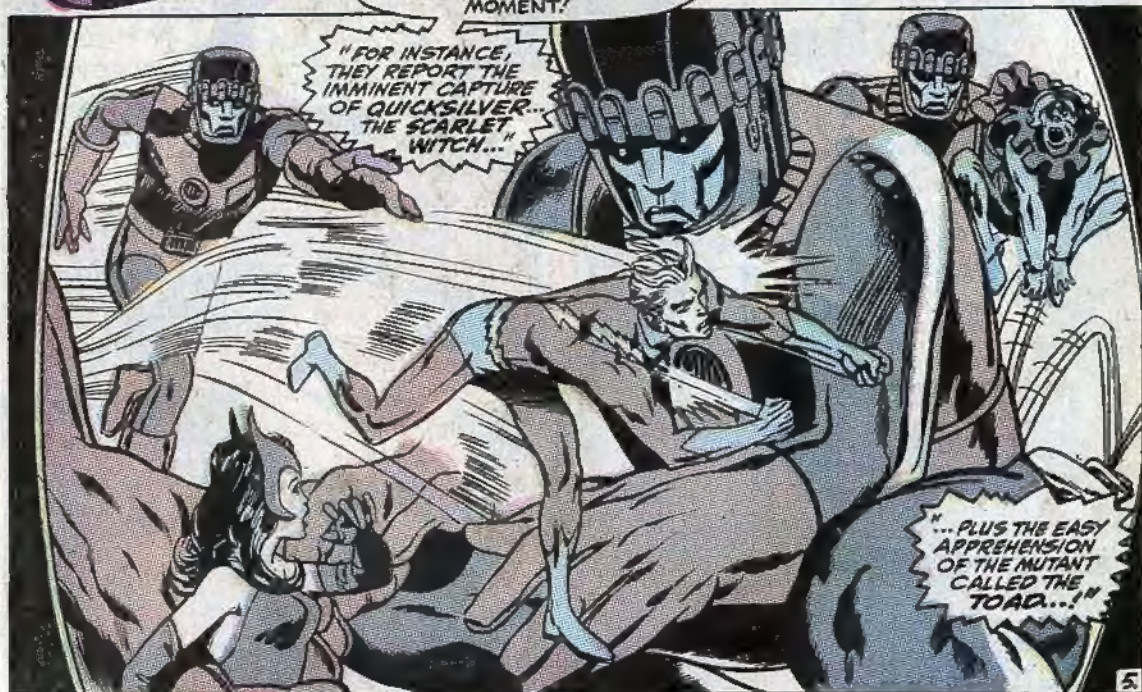
—*S. C., Temple City, Calif.*

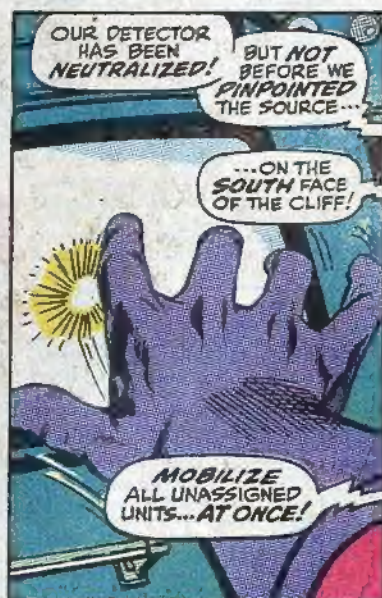
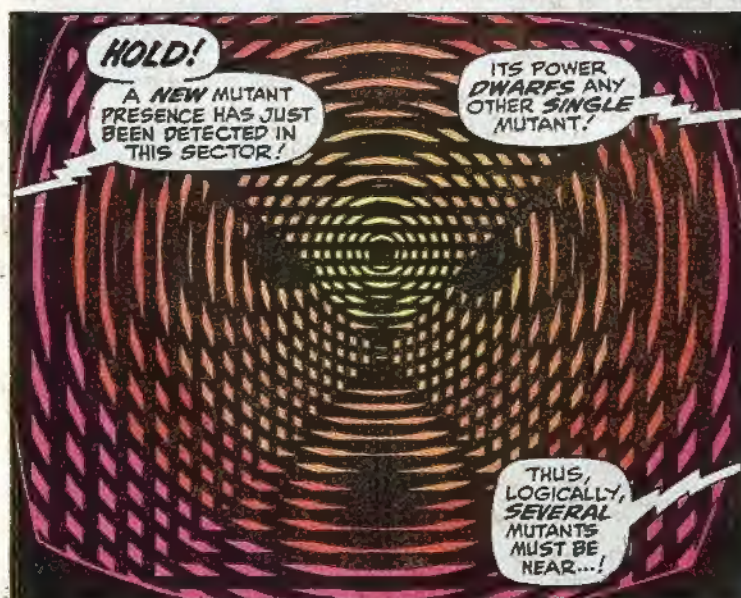
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BATTY BULLETINS TO BEWILDER, BEWITCH, AND BEDAZZLE YOU!

ITEM: Have you been wondering what's happened to Jaunty JIM STERANKO? Well, the news is finally out. Starting this month, you'll see him represented in Marvel's newest and most off-beat suspense mags — TOWER OF SHADOWS and CHAMBER OF DARKNESS! Those of you who are dyed-in-the-wool fans of ghost stories, witchcraft, and tales of the macabre (and who isn't?) are gonna have a real field day with these groovy grotesqueries — and wait'll you see who some of the other artists are!

ITEM: We know you've been hangin' by your thumbs waiting to learn the names of our two new romance mags also! (Think of the bread you'll save buying THESE for your gal friends instead of diamonds and Rolls-Royces!) The titles are MY LOVE and OUR LOVE STORY... (Kinda grabs you, huh?) ... and, if you think Ring-A-Ding ROMITA and Big JOHN BUSCEMA are unbeatable at superhero stuff, you'll blow your cerebellums when you see the way they handle these tintinnabulatin' tear-jerkers! (Know something? With our nutty lack, they'll probably become runaway best-sellers and we'll be stuck doing 'em forever! Oh well — it's better than working!)

ITEM: Here's a belated "Thank-u" to Blushin' BILL RYAN, an old fan of ours who's now a song-writer/vocalist with the wildly sensational SNOW. Their newest album cover is probably the artiest of the month. Y'know, we're suddenly reminded that we have so many good friends in the recording biz that it may not pay us to hire any more artists for the batty Bullpen — unless they can sing or play a guitar! The only thing buggin' us is — how come he N.Y. Philharmonic haven't sent us THEIR latest release yet? C'mon, Lennie — let's get with it, huh?

ITEM: This one's for Fancy NANCY MURPHY, our syncopeated subscription sweetie. Mrs. Murph sends out all the subscription copies, back issues, and anything else you send your clammy little coins to us for, wants to ask you NOT to put any money in your fan mail. If you're sending us a check, money order, or negotiable securities, be sure to put the loot in a SEPARATE ENVELOPE and address it to SUBSCRIPTION DEPT., BACK-ISSUE DEPT., or whatever it is you're sending for. If you enclose your order in a fan mail envelope, it'll take weeks and weeks longer to receive your goodies, because the letter has to be tossed back and forth till it gets to the right department. Okay? Okay!

ITEM: Have you noticed that our x-travagantly x-citing X-MEN sagas are back to 20 full pages again? When we saw the powerful, pulsatin' pencil-work of Nefarious NEAL ADAMS — not to mention the incredible inking of Terrific TOMMY PALMER — we figured that it would be a crime to deprive a wildly waiting world of those extra five pages! And didja know that the Nefarious One colors his own pages, also? All of a sudden, our merry menagerie of mutants is one of the mags that're definitely not to be missed!

ITEM: Rascally ROY's been skipping around with a smile from ear to ear lately. Why? We thought you'd never ask! It seems that Big JOHN B's talented kid brother will be taking over the illustration chores of THE AVENGERS starting next month! Yep, our Pal SAL BUSCEMA is not only one of the top inkers around, but when you see his pencil work you'll realize why the Bullpen figures we oughta keep the two Mr. B's under lock and key like for the next hundred years!

ITEM: It looks as though sunny California has been agreeing with the King! Yep,

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Every time one of our sagacious superheroes guest-stars in another mag we get bombarded with the same type of complaints from Marveldom Assembled! "How can Thor be fighting litterbugs with Nick Fury when he's in outer space with Winken, Blinken, and Nod in his own mag?" Or "How can Captain America be trapped by Aunt May in Spidey's mag when he's running a school for teen-age dropouts in his own swingin' stanza?" So, we have two choices. Either we stop crossover guest-starring, or we ask you to permit us a little literary license. If the doings of one of our repertory players in his own mag doesn't seem to jibe with his cameo appearance in some other mag during the same month, let's just say that one story took place a few days before, or after the other, and let it go at that, huh? Anyway, we'll try it for a while and see how it shakes you! (And, if the aforementioned has in any way confused you — welcome to the club!)

Excelsior!

Smiley

since moving out there, Jolly JACK KIRBY has been working faster than ever and is actually getting ahead of his super-human schedule! This means he may have time to handle still another mag within the next year. So here's your chance to sound off again, faithful one! Which strip is most worthy of the Master's touch? Should we finally launch the INHUMAN? DR. DOOM? KAZAR? Or, do you have some other oldie or newie you'd like him to bring to life? Sock it to us, sweetie, and we'll let you know how the mail keeps coming in!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

Marvelous Mags On Sale Right Now!

TOWER OF SHADOWS #1: Marvel's newest, most mysterious mag! Tales of weird and maddening menace, tinged with witchcraft and the dark unknown! And, talk about artwork! If a book of the macabre can be called beautiful, this is it!

FANTASTIC FOUR #90: A superhuman Skrull from outer space has landed here on earth. But, he doesn't want to conquer our planet. No, all he wants is — to enslave the Thing! It's dynamite!

SPIDER-MAN #76: You knew we've been leading up to it for months — and now, it's happening! Spidey battles the loathsome Lizard, in one of the most daringly dramatic dazzers of all!

CAPTAIN AMERICA #117: Introducing Marvel's newest and possibly most dynamic fighting hero — the Falcon! Also, see Cap battle, single-handed, against the deadly Exile! Better buy it fast!

AVENGERS #67: To fight the invincible foe — that's the impossible mission of our awesome assemblers, aided by Iron Man and the mighty Thor! For... Ultron-6 lives!

X-MEN #59: "Do or Die, Baby!" The title tells it all — as our masked misfits battle to the finish with the Sentinels! With a way-out wind-up that'll rock ya!

DAREDEVIL #55: It's kill or be killed, when DD takes on the sinister Mr. Fear — high above the sprawling city! But, to make things even worse — our scarlet swash-buckler's turned coward! When it rains —!

THOR #167: The Thunder God receives the most awesome punishment of all — at the hands of the all-powerful Odin! See Don

Diske on earth once more! See the villainy of Loki! Greatness lurks within!

HULK #119: Once again, the green-skinned rampager must face the murderous might of the mad Maximus and his band of evil Inhumans! If action is your dish, this one's a feast!

IRON MAN #17: The marauder called Midas — the macabre Madame Masque — and an LMD who has vowed to destroy Tony Stark — and take his place! No wonder we call it — "The Beginning of the End!"

SUB-MARINER #17: Namor begins a quest which will take him to the land of his birth — only to encounter a menace from the very stars! And, wait'll you learn the far-out scheme of — the Stalker!

CAPTAIN MARVEL #16: A new life — and a colorful new costume — for Mar-Vell, as our space-born superhero takes on the entire Kree Galaxy! Plus, at long last — the sinister secret of Zol! A turning point!

SHIELD #14: A day in the life of Nick Fury — but what a day! 'Cause, now the hostile hordes of Hydra have joined Shield on the trail of our hard-hitting fugitive! Thrill follows thrill!

DR. STRANGE #182: Nightmare — Eternity — and Juggernaut makes three! Our master of black magic faces three of the most powerful entities in all the universe! A cataclysmic classic!

SGT. FURY #69: Our stogie-smokin' sarge is a captive — of the Nazi called Colonel Klause! Then, enter the Howlers — and the home front will never be the same again! A gasser!

CAPT. SAVAGE #16: War — in a winter wonderland! But, find it where you may, it's still a living hell — 'cause the Battle-field Raiders play for keeps! Bring your own combat helmets!

MARVEL SUPER-HEROES #22: Talk about Marvel masterworks! This ish features two of the earliest classic epics of the X-Men and the ol' Man Without Fear himself — Daredevil! Plus pin-ups, yet!

MARVEL TALES #22: One of the most famous Spidey tales from the pulsatin' past — as the wall-crawler takes on the Green Goblin! Also, Thor and the Torch! Need we say more?

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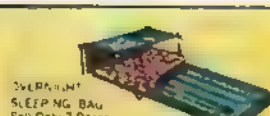
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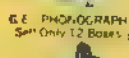
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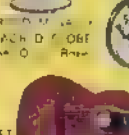
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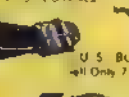
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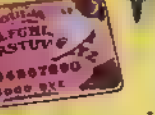
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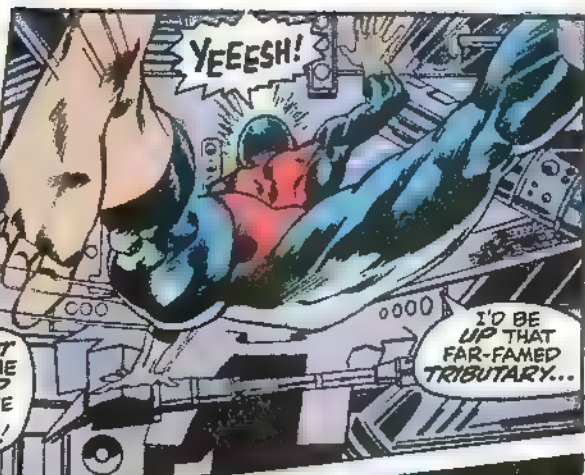
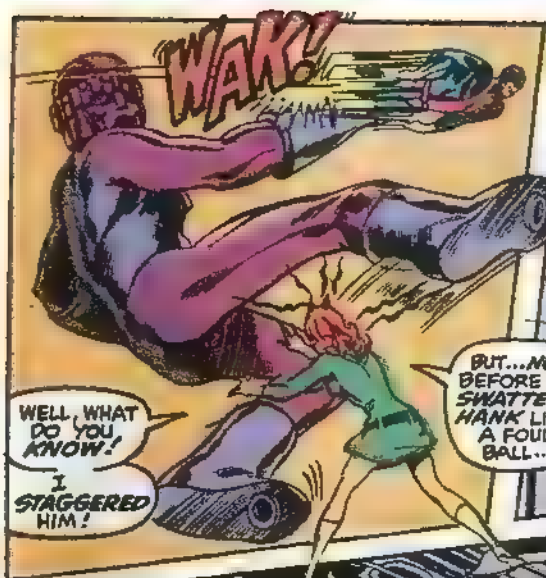
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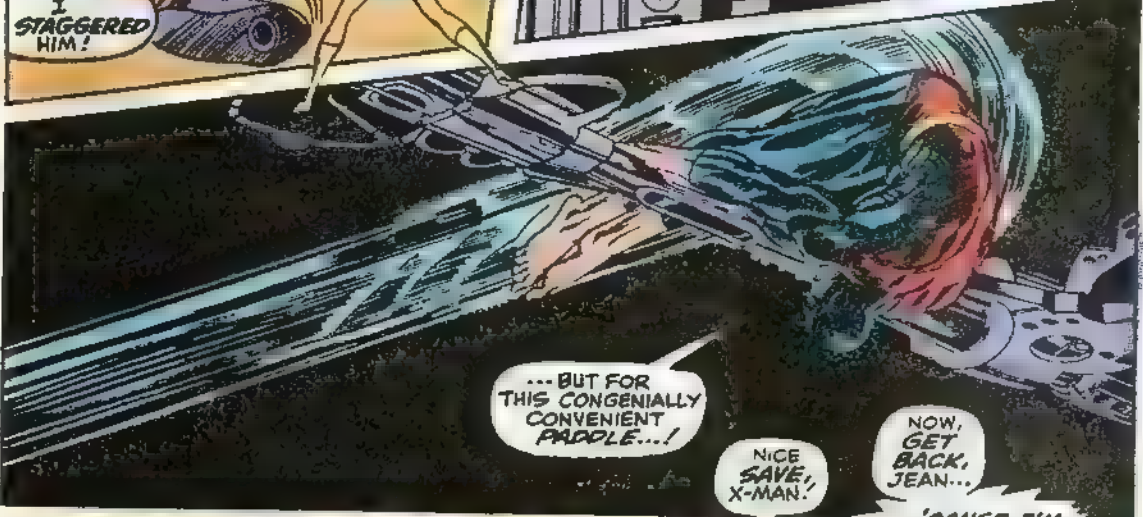




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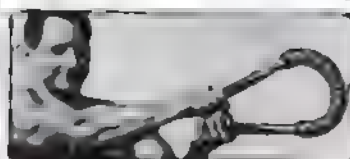
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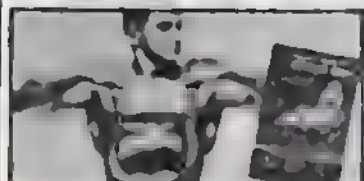
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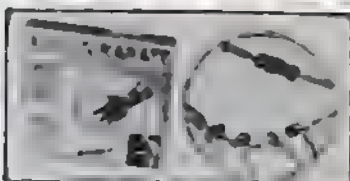
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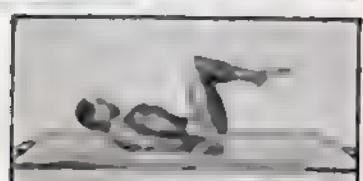
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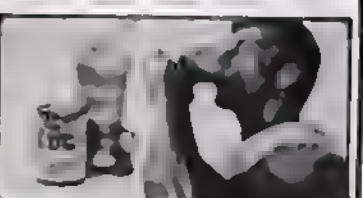
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PIETRO...LOOK...
THREE X-MEN!

BUT...THIS IS
THE NORTH
SECTOR!

THE ALARM WAS
FOR THE SOUTHERN
FACE--!

WE KNOW
NOTHING
ABOUT
THAT!

WE'RE JUST HERE
TO FREE YOU...

...AND ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO IS
VOW TO KEEP
OUT OF OUR
WAY!

...SENTINEL C6
REPORTING A3
DIRECTED!

R7 HAS BEEN
DEMOLISHED...
OBVIOUSLY BY
MUTANTS!

.. AND
NOW,
HAPLESS
MUTANTS

HERE IN THE
PROCESSING
AREA, YOU
SHALL BE...

WAIT!

DESPITE YOUR
COSTUMES... YOU
ARE NOT THOSE
MUTANTS WHOM
I CAPTURED!

AN ASTUTE
OBSERVATION,
BIG BROTHER!

FOR INSTANCE,
THOUGH THESE WEIGHTED
BOOTS MIGHT STIFLE THE
HOPPING POWERS OF
THE TOAD...

...TO THE
BLUDGEONING
BEAST, THEY'RE
THE EQUIVALENT
OF... BOXING
GLOVES!!

KRANG!

WRAAK!

AND, IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED, TIN MAN...

THERE'S AN EVEN GREATER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN QUICK-SILVER...

...AND THE X-MAN CALLED CYCLOPS!

LOOKS LIKE C6 IS DOWN FOR THE LONG COUNT, PEOPLE!

BUT, HERE COME A COUPLE OF METAL MOURNERS!

A FELLA HARDLY HAS TIME TO SLIP ON HIS PROTECTIVE VISOR AROUND HERE!

A MUTANT ...FREE!

DESTROY HIM... BEFORE HE CAN ESCAPE!

**KLANG
KTANG**

YOU THREATEN IN THE SINGULAR, FRIENDS...

BUT YOUR TROUBLES ARE DEFINITELY PLURAL!

OOOOPS! SOME OF THESE FUEL BARRELS ARE GOING TO BE DECIDEDLY OFF-TARGET...

NOT WHILE I'M HERE, HANK!

ATTAWAY TO EARN YOUR MARVEL GIRL TITLE, JEAN!

SHROO!

Z2 HERE, REPORTING TEMPORARY DELAY IN SECTOR P.C.I.

THREE MUTANTS AT LARGE... HEADING TOWARDS DETENTION AREA!

INTERCEPT THEM THERE... AND EXECUTE WITHOUT MERCY...



NO!
NO!

THIS CAN'T BE
THE FUTURE
I'M SEEING...
IT CAN'T!!

HUH? I WAS
ONLY DREAMING...

OR WAS I?

THAT WAS
MY MUTANT
POWER, THEY
SAID...

BUT, I'M IN A TUBE...
JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!

CAN'T MOVE
ANY-
THING... BUT
MY EYES!

I'M LARRY
TRASK... NOT
SOME MURDERING
MUTANT!

I NEVER MEANT
FOR ANYONE TO
DIE... NEVER!

THE JUDGE!
GOT TO TELL
HIM SOME-
THING...!

TO SEE THE
FUTURE!!

WHAT AM
I TO DO, BOY?

I CAN'T TAMPER
WITH THESE
CONTROLS, WITH-
OUT RISKING AN
EXPLOSION!

AND YET
IF I DO
NOTHING...

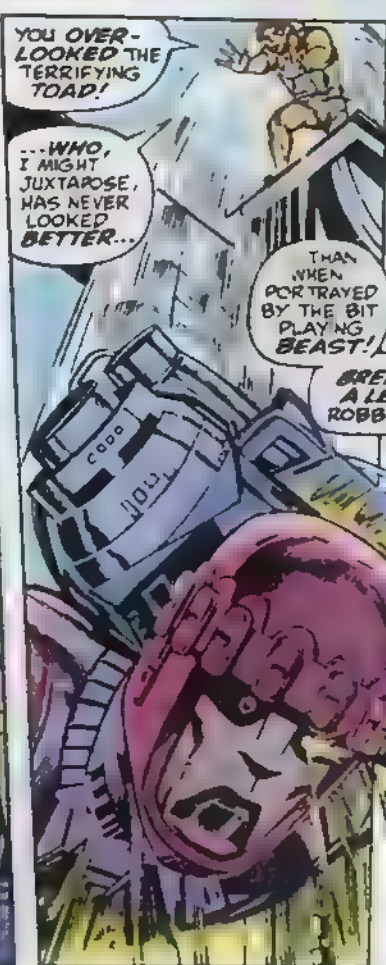
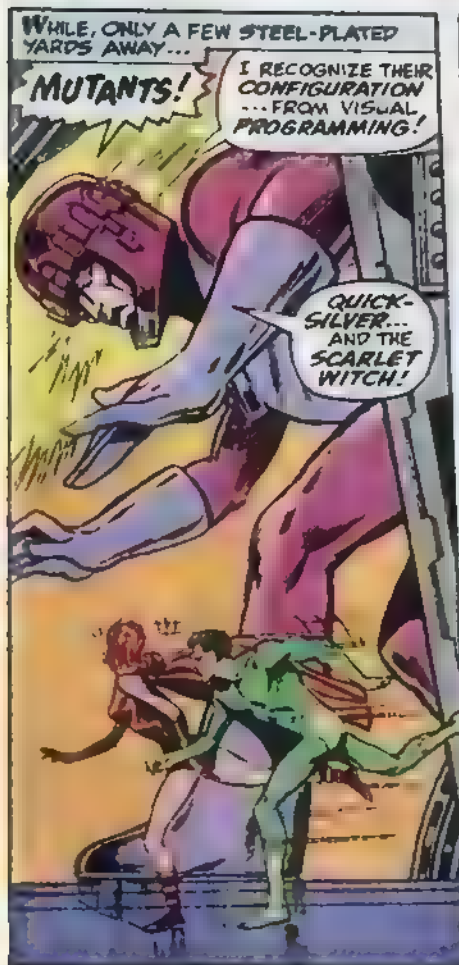
NO!
YOU'RE
STARING
PAST
ME.

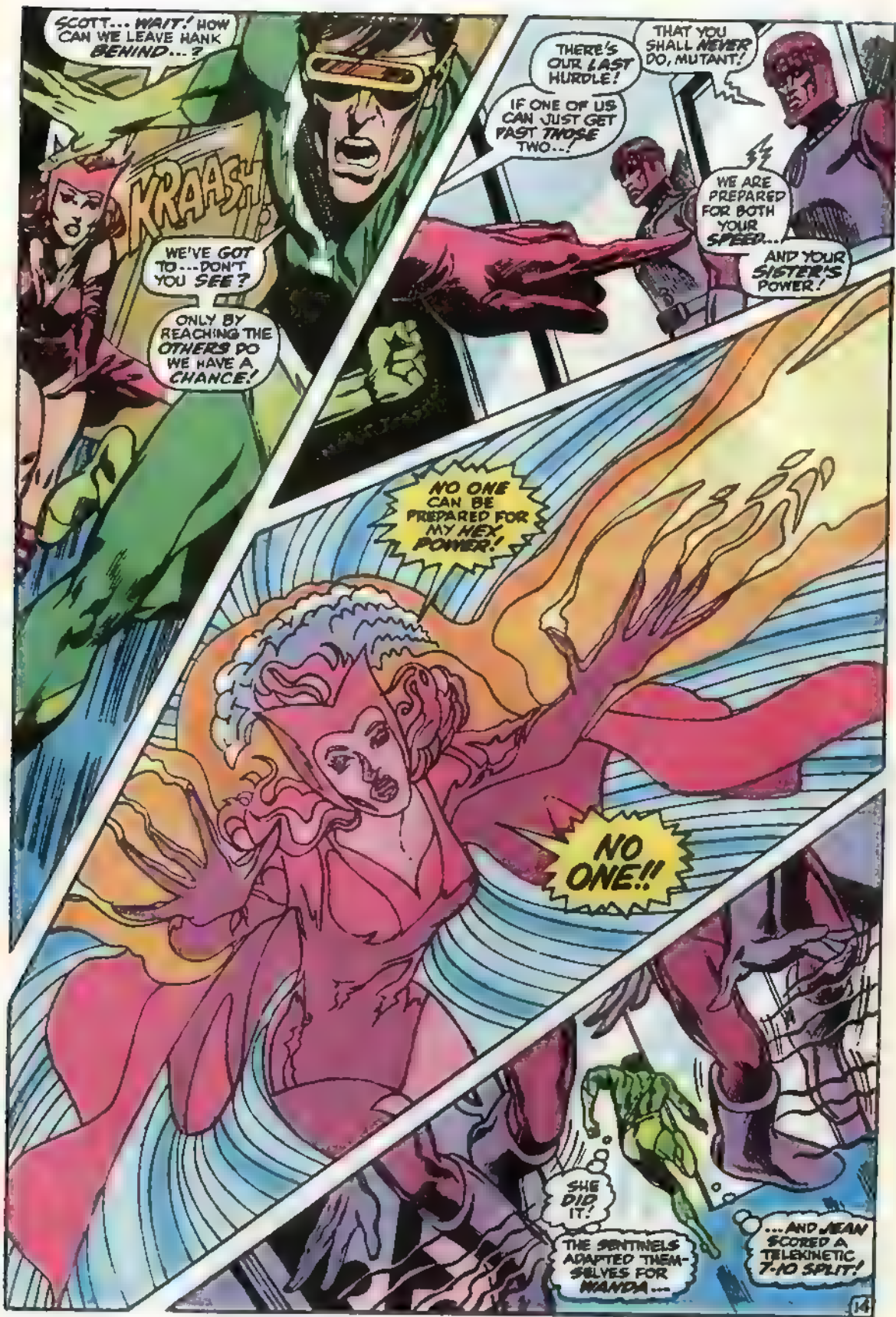
STARING
AT

THIS
STRANGE
SORT OF...
GUN...!

WAIT!
YOUR
EYES!

YOU'RE STARING
- STARING HARD
... BUT NOT AT ME





SCOTT... WAIT! HOW CAN WE LEAVE HANK BEHIND...?

KRAASH!

WE'VE GOT TO... DON'T YOU SEE?

ONLY BY REACHING THE OTHERS DO WE HAVE A CHANCE!

THERE'S OUR LAST HURDLE!
IF ONE OF US CAN JUST GET PAST THOSE TWO...

THAT YOU SHALL NEVER DO, MUTANT!

WE ARE PREPARED FOR BOTH YOUR SPEED...

AND YOUR SISTER'S POWER!

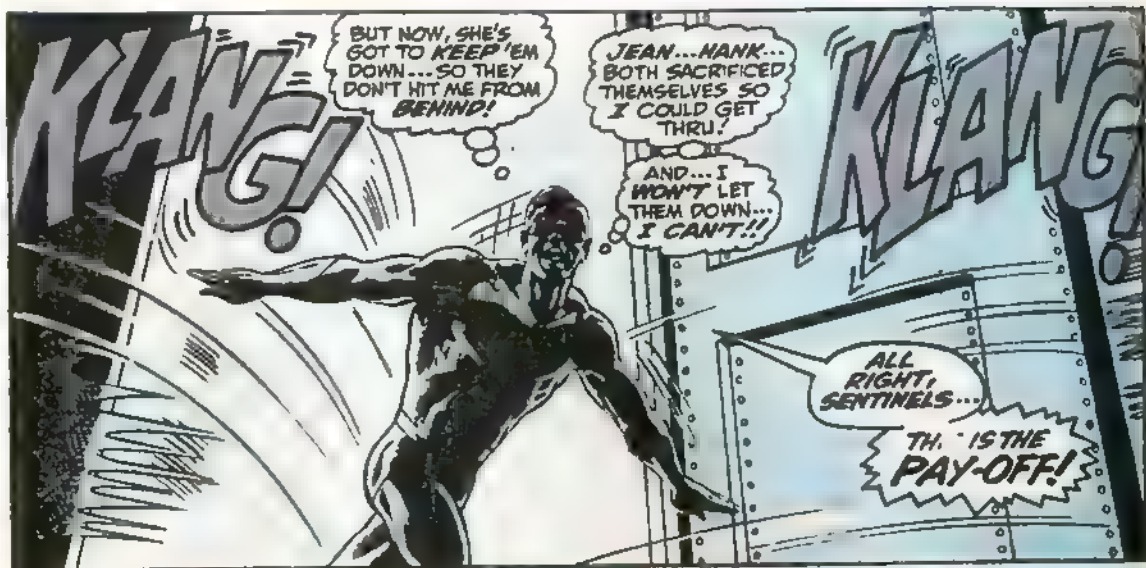
NO ONE CAN BE PREPARED FOR MY HEX POWER!

NO ONE!!

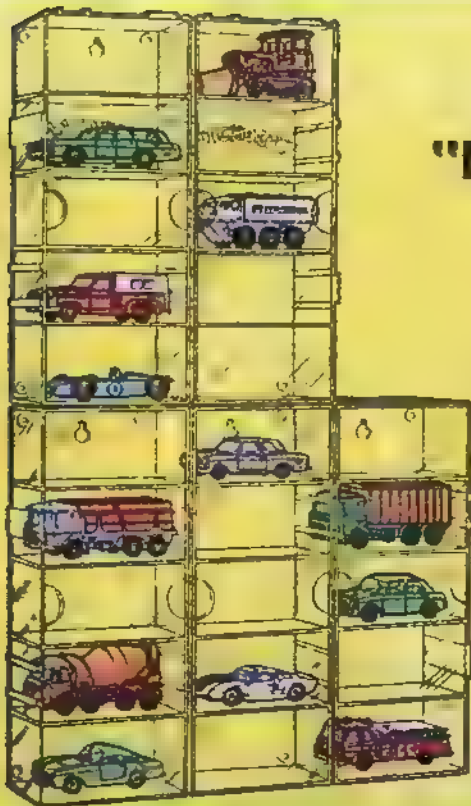
SHE DID IT!

THE SENTINELS ADAPTED THEMSELVES FOR WANDA...

...AND JEAN SCORED A TELEKINETIC 7-10 SPLIT!



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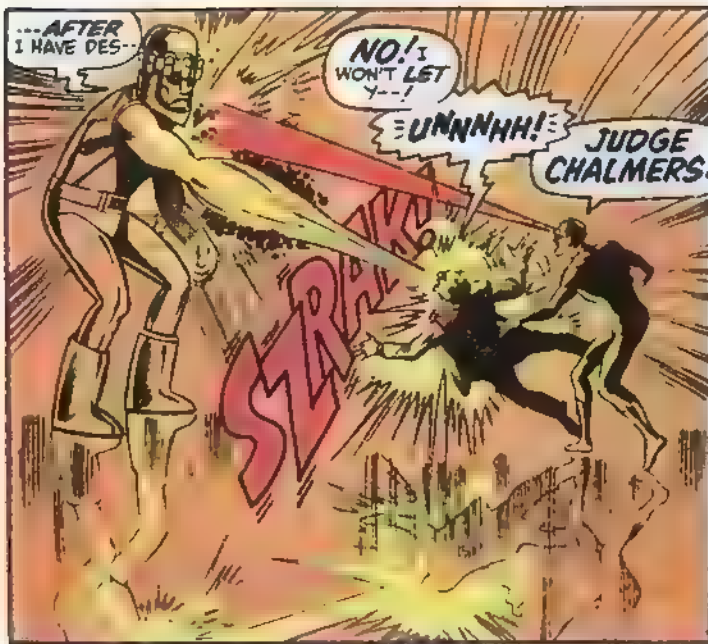
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...AFTER
I HAVE DES--

NO! I
WON'T LET
Y--!

UNNNHH!

JUDGE
CHALMERS...!

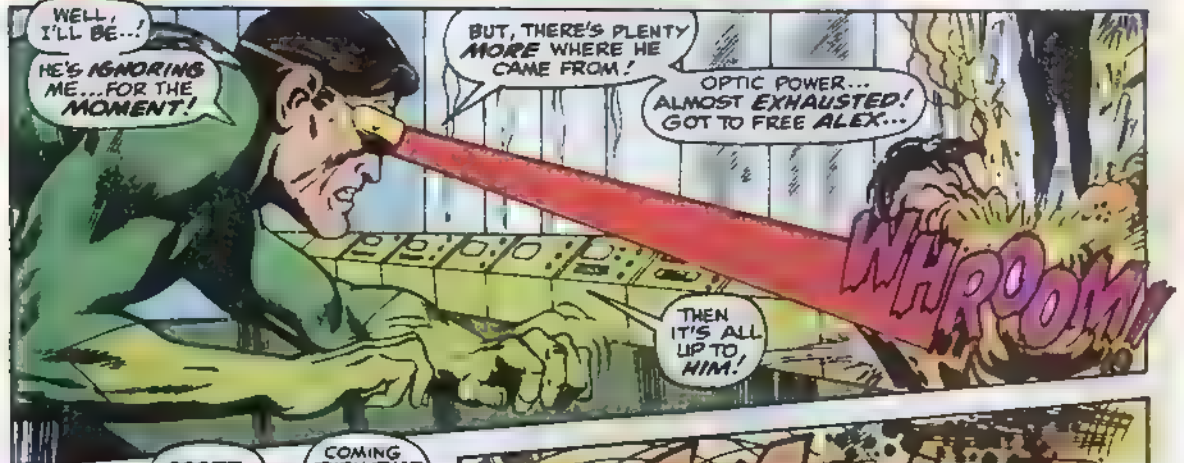
SPARK!



DISASTER!
DISASTER!

A HUMAN
HAS BEEN
HARMED BY
A SENTINEL!

ALL
SENTINELS
ADJUST
PRIORITY
SYSTEMS
ACCORDINGLY!



WELL,
I'LL BE--!

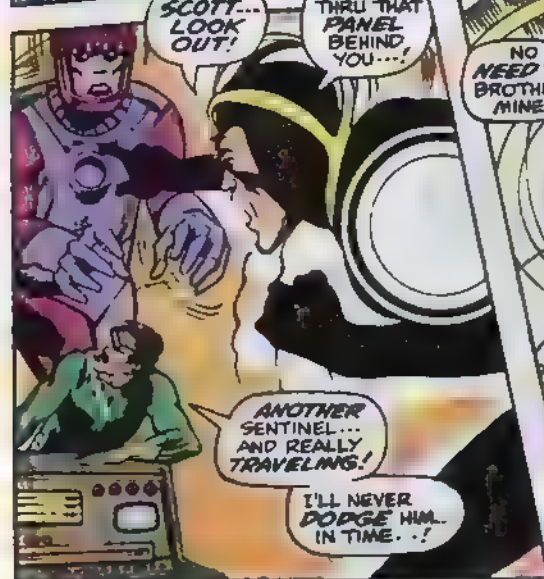
HE'S IGNORING
ME...FOR THE
MOMENT!

BUT, THERE'S PLENTY
MORE WHERE HE
CAME FROM!

OPTIC POWER...
ALMOST EXHAUSTED!
GOT TO FREE ALEX...

THEN
IT'S ALL
UP TO
HIM!

WHROOM!



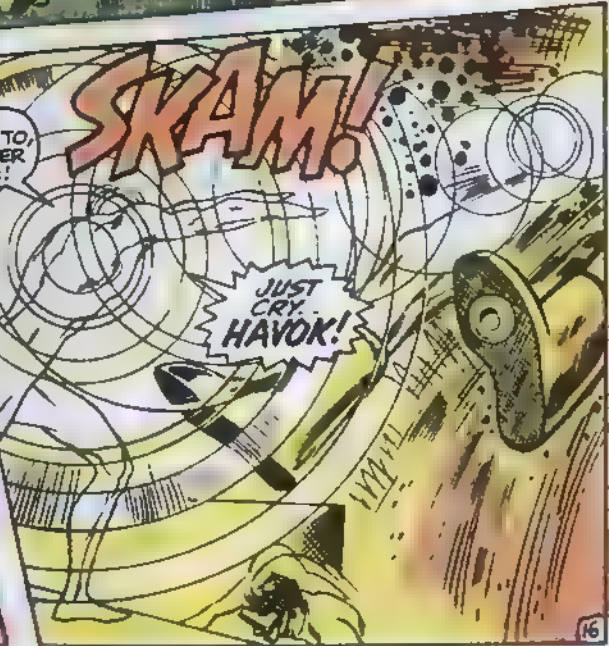
SCOTT...
LOOK
OUT!

COMING
THRU THAT
PANEL
BEHIND
YOU...!

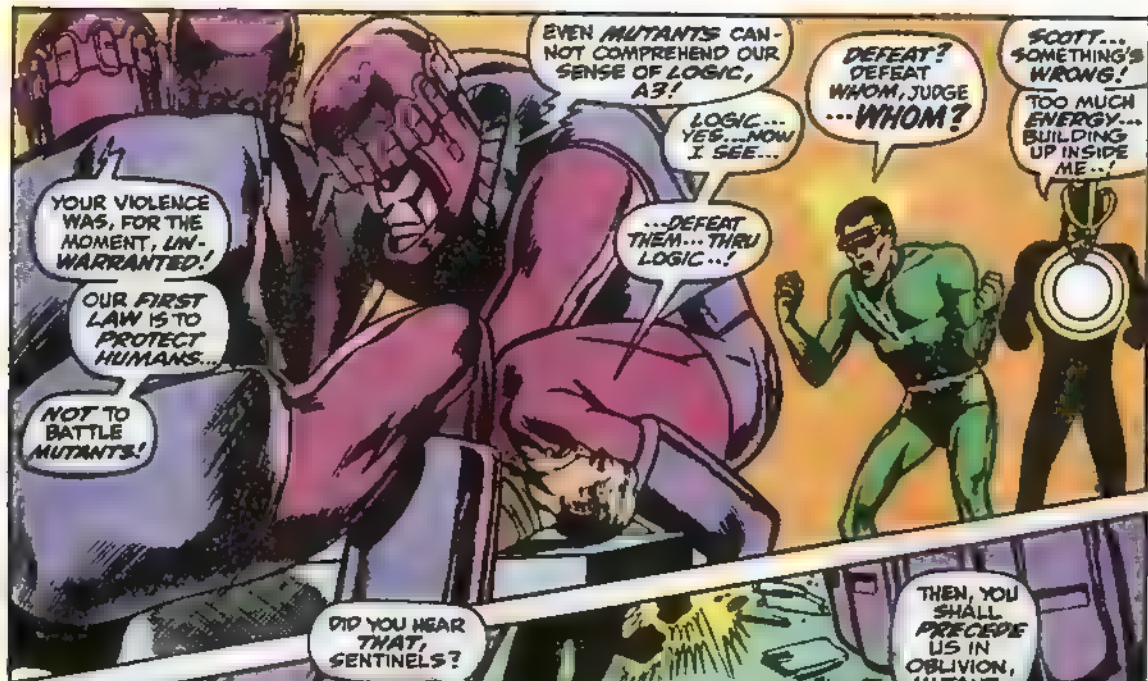
NO
NEED TO,
BROTHER
MINE!

ANOTHER
SENTINEL...
AND REALLY
TRAVELING!

I'LL NEVER
DODGE HIM...
IN TIME...!



JUST
CRY,
HAVOK!



EVEN MUTANTS CAN-
NOT COMPREHEND OUR
SENSE OF LOGIC,
A3!

DEFEAT?
DEFEAT
WHOM, JUDGE
...WHOM?

SCOTT...
SOMETHING'S
WRONG!
TOO MUCH
ENERGY...
BUILDING
UP INSIDE
ME..!

YOUR VIOLENCE
WAS, FOR THE
MOMENT, UN-
WARRANTED!

OUR FIRST
LAW IS TO
PROTECT
HUMANS...

NOT TO
BATTLE
MUTANTS!

LOGIC...
YES...NOW
I SEE...

...DEFEAT
THEM...THRU
LOGIC...!

DID YOU HEAR
THAT,
SENTINELS?

THEN, YOU
SHALL
PRECEDUE
US IN
OBLIVION,
MUTANT...

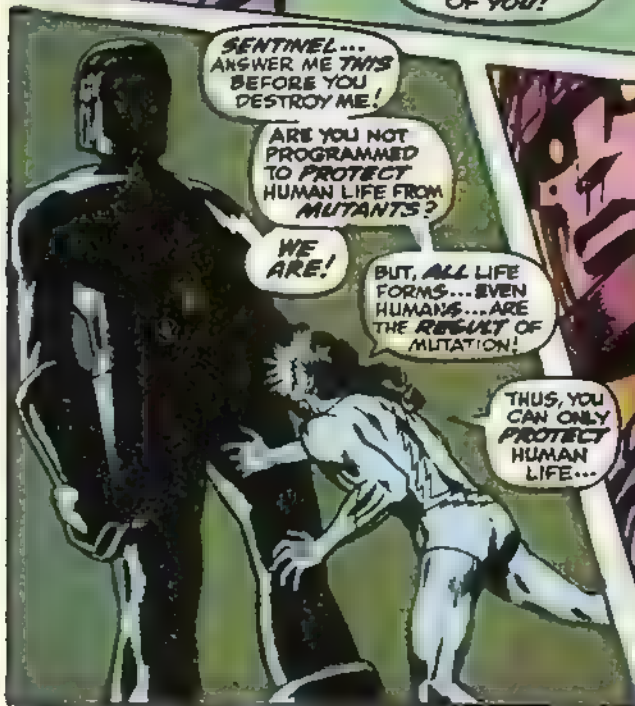
...AS PER
OUR LAST
ORDERS!

EVEN YOU
CAN'T HALT
THE PROCESS
NOW!

ONE MUTANT
WILL DESTROY US
ALL...BECAUSE
OF YOU!

AGAIN
THAT UN-
HOLY
LOGIC!
AND
YET...

WAIT!



SENTINEL...
ANSWER ME THIS
BEFORE YOU
DESTROY ME!

ARE YOU NOT
PROGRAMMED
TO PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE FROM
MUTANTS?

WE
ARE!

BUT, ALL LIFE
FORMS...EVEN
HUMANS...ARE
THE RESULT OF
MUTATION!

THUS, YOU
CAN ONLY
PROTECT
HUMAN
LIFE...



...BY FINDING
AND NEUTRALIZING
THE SOURCE OF
THAT MUTATION!

DO YOU
HEAR ME,
SENTINEL?

SCOTT...
I...



TOO MANY LIVES
AT STAKE...!

MAYBE I
CAN DO...WHAT
NO OUTSIDE
SOURCE CAN...

...BY
DESTROYING
MYSELF...
BEFORE I
DESTROY
OTHERS!

HOLD IT,
ALEX! DON'T
RACE TOWARDS
THAT CONTROL
PANEL!

THAT APPARATUS
IS DELICATE!
IT--

BLAM!

GOOD
LORD...
ALEX!!

ATTENTION,
SENTINELS...
THIS IS
NUMBER
TWO...!

ALEX...!

ASSEMBLE
AT ONCE...

...FOR THE
ULTIMATE
RESOLUTION OF
THE MUTANT
QUESTION!

TO THAT PLACE
WHERE LEADS THE
SIREN CALL OF
LOGIC!

WE MUST
SEEK OUT
THE SOURCE
OF MUTANT-
INDUCING
RADIATION.

...THOUGH OUR
QUEST LEAD US
TO THE MOST
INACCESSIBLE
PLACE OF ALL

YOU
WILL SWIFTLY
RECOVER,
HUMAN!

BUT, I MUST
LEAVE NOW...!

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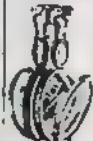


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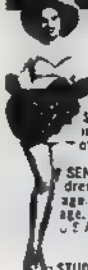
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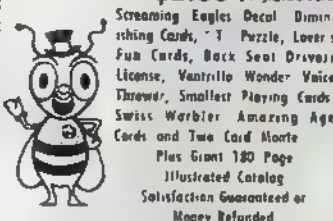
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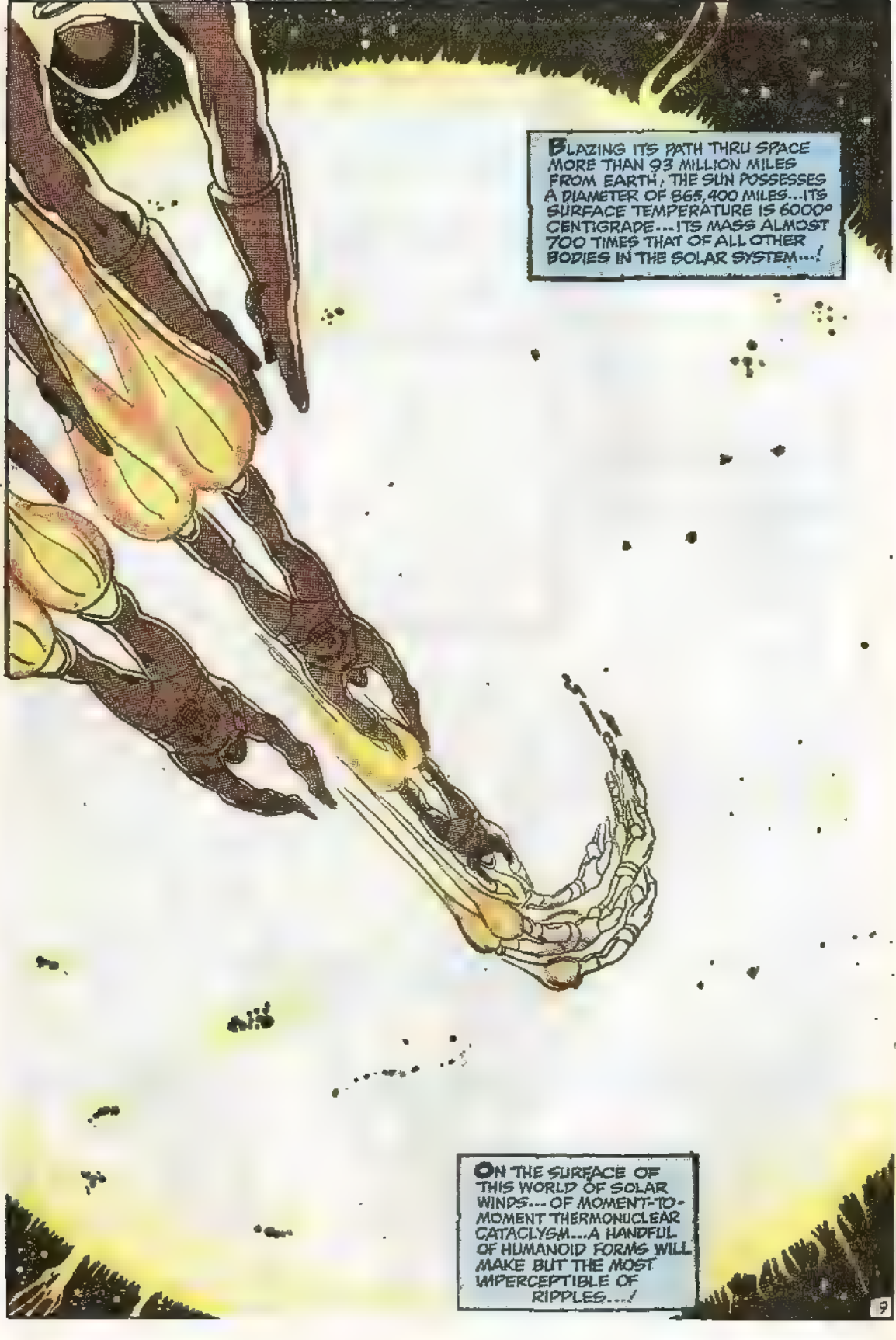
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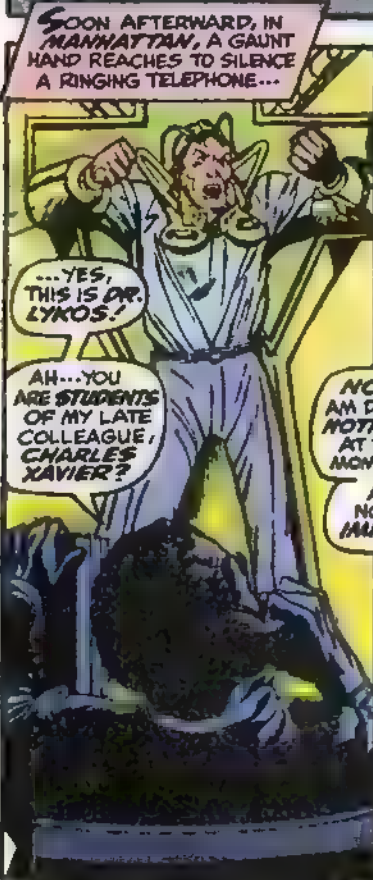
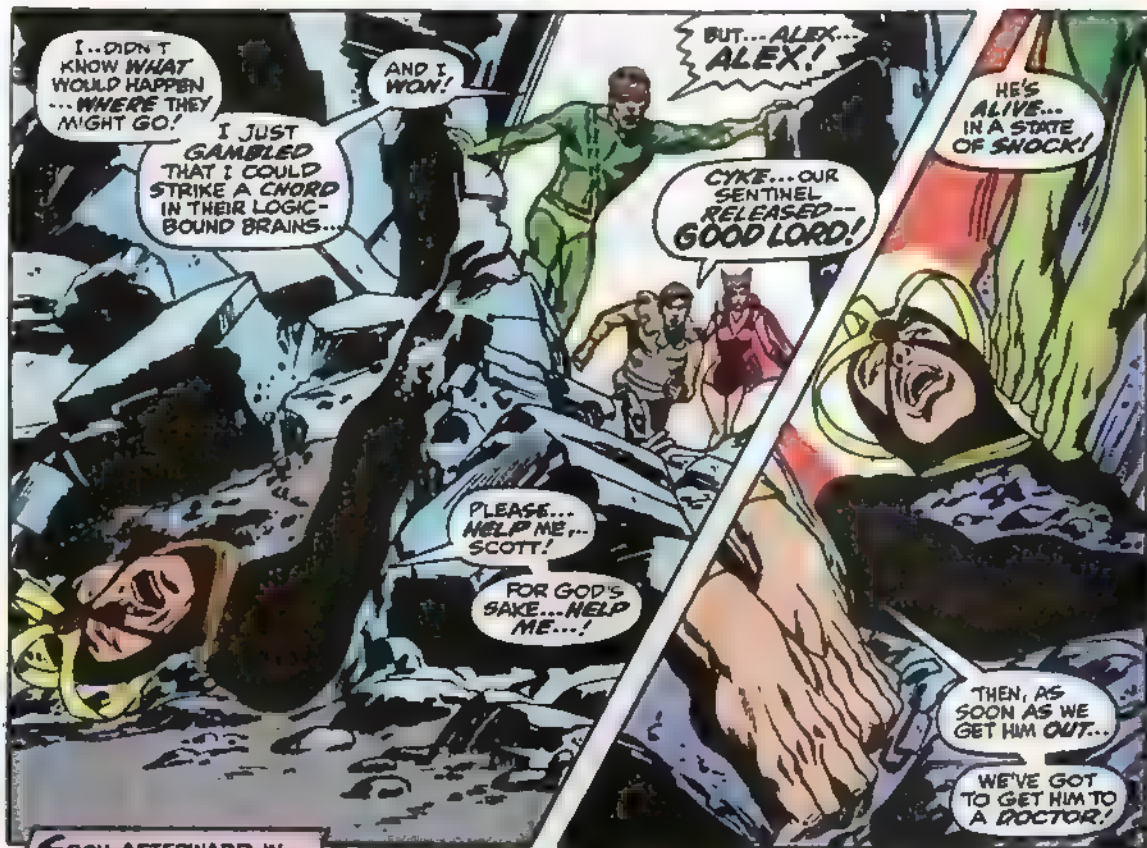
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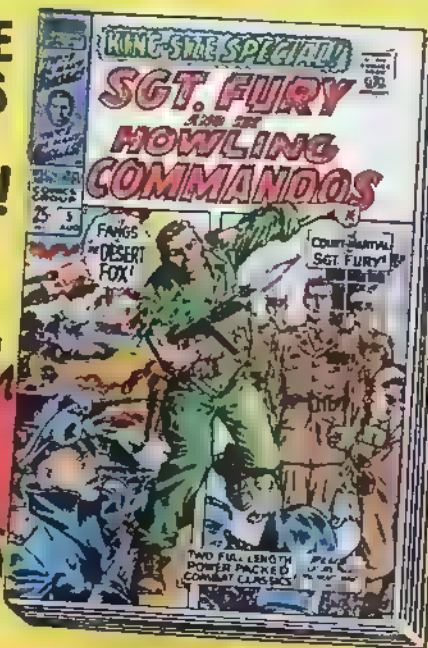
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Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

Being a fan of all the Marvel comics, I should be able to judge the good from the bad. Let me tell you that X-MEN #54-55 were not only excellent, but super-excellent. Vince Colletta did a perfect inking job. Werner Roth put on a perfect pencilling performance. Coming up with a new villain such as the Living Pharaoh was a smart idea. It not only gave Cyclops a chance to star in a story, but it also gave someone related to the X-Men a chance to appear. There couldn't have been a more dramatic ending to issue #55. When you hear Cyclops say, "You — Alex Summers — are a mutant!" you have to struggle to read another word. Finally, if all X-MEN stories were as good as this one, you would all be MILLIONAIRES now!

Jeffrey Siegel, 3539 Decatur Ave
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Then we'll all be sailing to work in yachts any day now, Jeff — 'cause if the last few X-Men sagas by Roy, Neal, and Tom haven't hit the high-water mark for the series, then we don't know mutants from muskmelons! (And we do — we think.)

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

Please! Not that tiresome joke that shows someone who doesn't know the real meaning of "corpus delicti"! I quote from Soderman & O'Connell, MODERN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION (1962 ed.), p. 5: "Corpus delicti means the existence of the essential, fundamental fact that a crime has been committed. In murder cases, corpus delicti means the victim's death together with the fact that it was caused by the wrongful act of another."

I suppose that, like many another phrase, it will become twisted in usage so eventually it will mean the corpse or body (physical) — but not yet, please.

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Tell you what, J. Randolph! We've drawn up a pledge not to abuse or otherwise mutilate any common expressions in the future — and this pledge will go into effect just as soon as we sign our John Henry to it! Deal?

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

One of the problems plaguing Cyclops has been his inability to remove his special glasses without his force beams shooting out. For what it's worth, here is one solution.

In a past X-MEN, an "Origin of Cyclops" story, it showed how energy was stored "near his eyes". A more precise and more logical explanation for both his "energy" and storage place would be as follows: Like Marvel Girl, Cyclops's eye balls are mental force, i.e., telekinesis. The difference in his power and Jean's is like the difference between a pile driver and a jeweler's hammer. Whereas Marvel Girl's power is a fine, delicate touch, capable of performing

highly dexterous work, Cyclops's mental force beams are more for heavy, strenuous work. The red color of his beam is due to the air being pushed out of its path so violently that a slight ionization takes place on the fringes of the beam, causing the neon gas in the atmosphere to glow faintly red. The noise that accompanies the beam is also due to this sudden displacement of air. Jean's mental force would not have this effect since it is weaker, more dispersed, and of finer "texture".

As for Cyclops's glasses: Professor X knew that Cyclops needed them only as a crutch. The thought that while glasses were worn the beams could not come out was in itself enough to prevent their release. The bit about varying the strength of the beam by making the aperture in his goggles smaller was simply a "device" to focus Cyclops's mind on the manner in which the beams would be released. Narrowing the aperture would not in itself result in a less powerful beam, only in a narrower beam. In reality, Cyclops is subconsciously controlling his beam with his mind, much as Jean controls her's — except that she does it consciously. Due to the beam's power, however, the "crutch" was necessary until Cyclops's conscious mind developed far enough to control it mentally.

This similarity in abilities could be what draws Scott and Jean so close together. Each "senses" that the other is similar mentally. Thus makes their abilities complement each other, thereby making them an ideal team within a team.

I don't know if you think this idea is valid or worthwhile, although I'm sure that if you decide to use it, you can figure out an appropriate method of having Cyclops "discover" the real source of his ability. Keep up the fantastic work on this mag; in my book, it's one of the best on the market.

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As for your explanation regarding a telekinetic basis for Cyclops' optic force-beams, we're afraid that we're inclined to stand by our previous viewpoint that his eyes transform the stored rays of the sun into a different, more deadly kind of energy. However, your thesis is well thought out, and is correct (by our admittedly imperfect standards) in one way, at least: as we showed once somewhere-or-other, Scott can hold back the beams to some extent by means of his own will power. Of course, this takes a lot out of him — and can only be done for a few desperate seconds at a time.



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Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

It cheered me, after a thirteen month hiatus, to see Roy Thomas back at work on X-MEN. This issue looked very good. I'm a big fan of Jim Steranko's work, but I think perhaps the complex plotting of the last round with Magneto, what with seven or eight major characters around all the time, was poorly suited to his style and fouled up the rhythm of his lay-outs. The more direct Heck-Roth style seems to work better with so many characters involved.

I'd like to cast a vote for Joseph Cook's proposal that the X-Men reopen the school and introduce some new permanent characters. There'd have to be an adult to "front" for them, but I imagine their contact with the F.B.I. could help them find a new director for the school. The school would give your disparate group a binding, long-term common interest, something for them to be concerned with in those brief moments when no villain is threatening to destroy the world. Besides, it would help you bring in your newest mutants, Lorna Dane and Alex Summers (although I see you're setting up some further mystery about them, especially having the Living Pharaoh's power disappear and at the same time appear in Alex). Most important of all, the school would give the X-Men an emphasis to distinguish them from the other super-groups, and give them a new purpose — the discovery and development of latent mutants, and the education of the general public to accept the mutants in their midst. There's nothing like a good crusade to give a group character.

One question for Roy Thomas: on page 7, the last panel, did you mean "Euclidean" (geometry pyramid)? I can't find anything Aristotelian about the dialog at that point, but I've got to admit there are portions of Aristotle's work I'm unfamiliar with (but there are some that I'm really close to). So, if the allusion was intentional, please let me know what it means — 'cause I'm stumped.

Max Kerpelman, 549 Orange St.
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The whole matter is really a lot simpler than you imagined, friend Max. The word "Aristotelian" was tossed in there by the Rascally One to refer to Bobby Drake's logic, when he said — and we quote — "I've got a hunch that crate isn't gonna stop till it sees a pyramid!" And if that sounds a bit to you like sloppy usage, Roy says you should blame the stress of the moment — the exigencies of the situation — in fact, just about anything but him! Okay?

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

X-MEN #55 was just great. The cover was very good, although I don't see what it had to do with the story. Now for Scott's brother. I don't think you should let him join the X-Men. There are enough of them already. Just let him work with the X-Men on a few cases and maybe after you finish the 5 page "Origins of the X-Men" Scott's brother could have his own spot in X-MEN with those 5 pages — with the X-Men coming in only once in a while.

But now about the story, "Where Angels Dare to Tread". On page 2 the Angel said, "There's a new superhero in town... The Avenging Angel!". The asterisk explained that Warren wasn't a claim-jumper because the Avengers didn't exist until early in 1963, yet, on page 1, you say that it is winter 1963. How do you explain that?

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Quite easily, Hank. Although the winter season begins in December of any given year, of course, the bulk of any winter comes during the months of January and February, plus the first cold, cold weeks of March. Thus, while you were imagining that the story was taking place sometime in December 1963, the high-flying Angel was actually winging it thru the city skies almost a full year earlier! Got it, lad?



Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

I must compliment you and your staff on your latest X-MEN publication. I thought it was just fabulous. Making Scott have a kid brother was great. At the first of the adventure, I thought Alex was his best friend or cousin. Then when I found out he was his brother, it was getting real interesting. I think of all the X-Men, I like Cyke the best. The death of Professor X has brought out the true Cyke. He has become more mature.

The mystery in the last couple of books is very good — I like lots of mystery. I think you should have the Banshee reopen the Professor's school. Or even Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch could join the X-Men!

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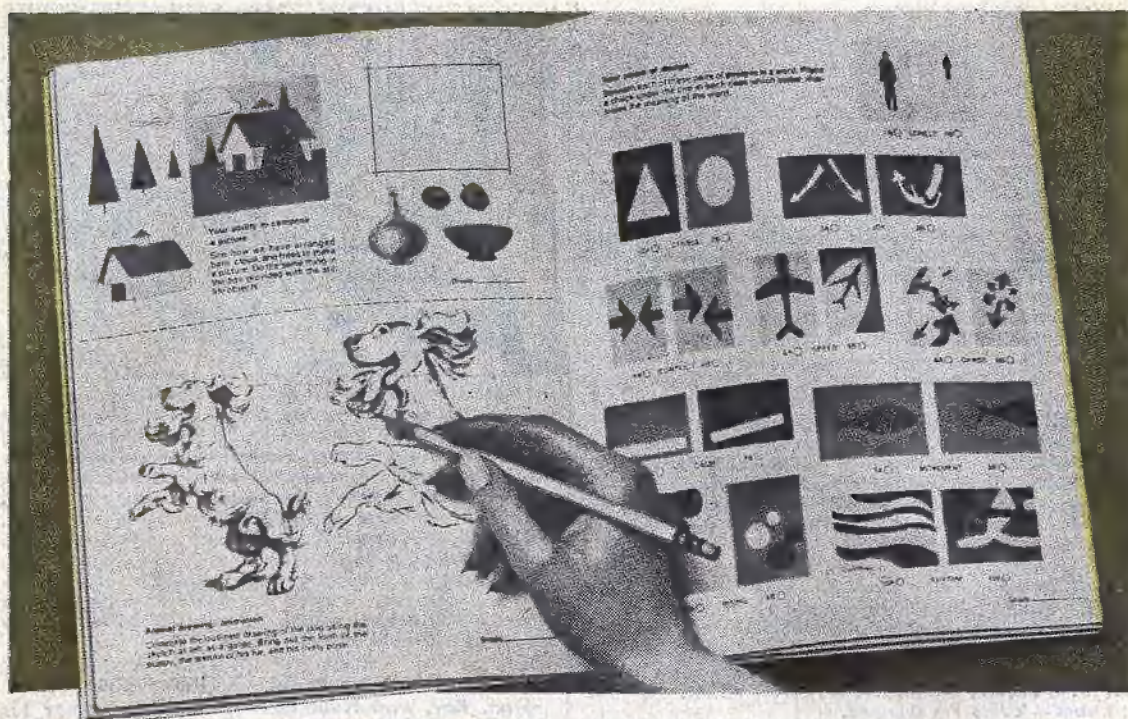
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The people who take this Art Talent Test are of all ages and occupations. Most of them have little or no previous art training. By professional standards, their drawings may be awkward and amateurish. But the ones who possess the gift of art talent reveal it in many ways. Through simple little exercises, they show the inborn sense of design, the feeling for composition, the ability to observe, and the lively imagination which are such important ingredients of art talent.

The reliability of this method of screening, as well as the effectiveness of the training, has been proven again and again by the success of our students and graduates.

They passed the test and went on to become successful artists

When Anthony Fotia took the Art Talent Test, he was a mail clerk, "stuck" in a low-

pay routine job. Today, he's an artist for a printing firm, doing exciting creative work. Kathleen Gironde went from a salesgirl in a department store to a fashion illustrator in the same store. Virginia Bartter, a farmer's wife and mother of three, now sells just about everything she paints. These are just a few of the literally hundreds of "success stories" our students report to us.

So if you love to sketch or dabble in paints—and have often wondered if you "have what it takes" to become a well-paid commercial artist or sparetime professional painter—why not seize this opportunity to find out? All you need is a pencil and a half-hour of your time. With your special interest, it will be one of the most intriguing and enjoyable half-hours you ever spent.

What the Talent Test covers

First, you will be shown ten pairs of simple designs and asked to pick the one in each pair that has "a feeling of rightness" about it. Then you will see twenty pairs of pictures, and check which composition in each pair is more pleasing. You'll be asked to do original sketches to demonstrate your imagination and powers of observation. And in similar

ways, your instinctive feeling for mood, form, movement, facial expressions, textures, and so on will be tested.

When you complete the test and mail it back, it will be graded free by a member of the School's staff. If you receive a passing grade (and we must warn you that many don't), or can offer sufficient evidence of art talent, you will then be eligible to enroll. You may choose whichever of our courses is best suited to your goals.

Courses offer personal instruction

These courses were especially designed for talented people who can't leave their families or jobs for art training away from home. The 12 famous artists who started the School over 19 years ago contributed all their lifetime secrets of art technique to what they believe to be the finest art lessons ever created. They took time out from their own busy careers and made thousands of special drawings to demonstrate each point. Then they devised a method of constructive criticism that is as personal as tutoring. Your instructor, who is himself required to be a practicing professional artist, spends up to several hours on just one of your assignments. He actually draws or paints his suggestions for improvement on a separate sheet of paper, and then "talks" to you by letter, dictating a long, friendly message of specific advice and encouragement.

You will receive an interesting brochure about our School and its revolutionary methods along with your free Art Talent Test. If you have ever dreamed of success in art, and wondered if it were possible, why not mail the coupon at left for both the Talent Test and the brochure right now?

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